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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  |   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>09/980952</b> |  |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/JP01/02929  |  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATES<br>04 April 2001             |  | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>06 April 2000                              |  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD  |  |   |  |   |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Ryuji Ishiguro, Yoshitomo Osawa, Tateo Oishi, Tomoyuki Asano, and Atsushi Mitsuzawa  |  |   |  |   |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |   |  |   |  |
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.<br>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing 35 U.S.C. 371<br>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.<br>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).<br>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).<br>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).<br>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<br>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.<br>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).<br>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). (unexecuted)<br>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). |  |   |  |   |  |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:  |  |   |  |   |  |
| 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. w/PTO-1449, 8 references<br>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.<br>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.<br>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.<br>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.<br>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.<br>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.<br>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<br>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<br>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of PCT Request (in Japanese), Copy of Face page of International application as published, Forty-Five Sheets of Formal Drawings   |  |   |  |   |  |

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